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Status					
1)⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 /	March 2006.				
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closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims					
4) Claim(s) 1-24,27-62,64-67,69-73,77-80 and 8	32-88 is/are pending in the applicat	ion.			
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.					
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.					
6) Claim(s) <u>1-24,27-62,64-67,69-73,77-80 and 82-88</u> is/are rejected.					
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.					
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/	or election requirement.				
Application Papers	·				
9) The specification is objected to by the Examin	er.				
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) acc		Examiner.			
Applicant may not request that any objection to the	e drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See	e 37 CFR 1.85(a).			
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correct	ction is required if the drawing(s) is obj	jected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).			
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the E	xaminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PTO-152.			
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119					
 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority document 2. Certified copies of the priority document 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority document * See the attached detailed Office action for a list 	nts have been received. Its have been received in Applicationity documents have been received in Application (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	on No ed in this National Stage			
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Amendment received on 3/27/2006 is acknowledged and entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-24, 27-62, 64-67, 64-67, 69-73, 75-80, 82-88 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The independent Claims recite the method steps in an order, which is confusing. The Examiner invited the Applicant to conduct an Interview to clear up this matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103 have been withdrawn.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Igor Borissov whose telephone number is 571-272-6801. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Hayes can be reached on 571-272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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